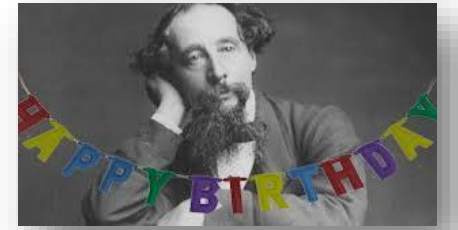


## Meaningful Activities

- Engaging activities connected to explicit instruction
- Differentiated to meet the needs of all learners
- Promote thinking and problem solving
- Authentic practice in a safe environment



## Now I Know My ABC 's ...

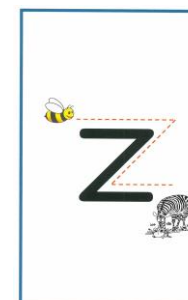


Our students need to be curious, engaged and have a love of language that will support literacy development for a lifetime. Research has shown that teaching the letters in isolation, such as reciting the alphabet or practicing one letter per week, separates the purpose of learning the letters from the meaning of reading.

Early learning experiences must provide a balance of explicit instruction and play –based learning experiences in a rich, meaning filled environment. An effective program is structured in such a way to respect the learning processes for all students and to help them reach their full potential. Our role as a teacher is to provide explicit instruction, guided practice and independent application. Reading is all about thinking and making connections.



- Letter Stories
- Names are Important
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## Letter Stories

- Letters and sounds are connected
- Letters have specific shapes
- Letter sounds involve kinesthetic awareness



## Names are Important

- Names are uniquely important
- The perfect starting point for all learners
- Make important connections to the letter stories
- Build a community of learners



## Amazing Literature

- Linking to text
- Making connections to our learning
- Building excitement and confidence
- Sharing the joy of books

